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Washington D.C. Nov. 7. 57.

Dear Sir.

It is somewhat difficult to explain the features in which the young black-throated loon differs from the red-throated. The latter is considerably smaller, has a somewhat slender bill, & the ~~head~~ plate colored back finely sprinkled with whitish spots; while the back of the other species is darker & less varied, & the bill is considerably longer. If you have any specimen, about which you are in any doubt, your better plan will be to forward it by express to me for determination. I will have a critical examination made & return it to you at once.

Very truly Yours.
Spencer F Baird

Wm. Brewster,
care of Brewster, Sweet & Co.
402 State Street,
Boston.

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Washington, D.C. Dec. 13, 1871.

My dear Sir.

As far as I can judge from what you have just sent me of the remains, your bird is the female Bucephala Islandica.

Our series of this is not very good, but I have little if any doubt of the correctness of this identification. Let me know if you wish me to return the head. If not, I will make a Skeleton of it.

Very truly yours.
Spencer F Baird

Wm. Brewster Esq.
Care of Brewster, Sweet & Co.
40 State Street,
Boston,
Mass.

Baird. S. F.
Dec 13, '71

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NEW YORK AVENUE.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington D.C. Dec. 29. 1871.

My Dear Sir.

The box advised in your letter of the 20th, came yesterday & has been duly examined. The Golden-eyed duck is, I think, unquestionably, the Islandica, agreeing very well with the typical Specimen in our Collection, although the orange Spot appears to be Common for this Species, it is not entirely peculiar to it, Since other kinds frequently possess it. The accompanying Sand-piper is the Philomachus pugnax, or the Ruff, & is a very great prize, as being one out-of only some half dozen Specimens captured in America, which have come to my knowledge. The Specimens are herewith returned.

Very Truly Yours.
Spencer F. Baird

Wm Brewster,
Care Brewster Watch Co
47 Central St
Boston, Mass.

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Washington, March 26, 1875.

Dear Sir. We take great pleasure in sending you from the Smithsonian duplicates a collection of birds, which Mr Ridgway has selected as probably additional to those in your Cabinet.

Yours truly.

Spencer F. Baird

Wm. Brewster Esq.
Cambridge,
Mass.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11th, 1879.

Dear Mr. Brewster- Thanks for your prompt compliance with my request for the labels. I will keep one and send the others to the party who asked for the sample.

Yours truly,

S. F. Baird

Smithsonian Institution.

Wm Brewster. Esq.
Cambridge.
Mass.

Prof. S. F. Baird

May 11, 1879.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13, 1879.

My Dear Mr Brewster.

Will you kindly give me two or three copies of the memorandum gotten up by you, or some of your colleagues for recording data in reference to collecting nests & eggs of birds?

Yours truly,

Spencer Baird

Wm Brewster Esq.
Cambridge
Mass.

Prof. S. F. Baird

May 13, 1875

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct 27, 1879.

Dear Mr Brewster.

Your were very kind & promise us one of your small sets of eggs of the Brown Creeper. We shall value it very highly, as it is a species that I am especially anxious to obtain. We have an old defected nest & one or two eggs, but nothing at all satisfactory.

There is not hurry about sending Mrs. Any time will answer.

Yours Truly.

J J Audubon

Wm. Brewster Esq.
Cambridge.
Mass.

S. F. Baird.
Oct. 27, 1879.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19. 1880.

Dear Mr Brewster;

You are entirely welcome to a copy of the Proceedings of the National Museum for 1878, and all other publications under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution which belong to ~~the Secretary~~. your Specialty Hereafter I expect to distribute the Proceedings, signature by signature, and your name is among the select few who are to receive it promptly as published.

Yours truly,

Spencer Baird

Oliver Brewster, Esq.
61 Sparks Street.
Cambridge,
Mass.

S. F. Baird.

Jan. 19, 1880.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17, 1880.

Dear Mr Brewster;

I am very much surprised to hear that you have not received any of the promised publications of the National Museum, in the way of Bulletins and Proceedings. I gave directions to have them forwarded to you long ago, and when I go to the Smithsonian I shall investigate the matter.

Do you know any body who would like to go as naturalist on the expedition of Capt. Howgate, which expects to leave by the steamer Gulnare for Lady Franklin Bay, about the 15th of May next? All the expenses will be those of travelling and subsistence, and every facility given for scientific work. There will be

no pay, although all the specimens after the reservation of the first series for the National Museum, will belong to the collector.

Yours truly,
J. Spencer F. Baird

Prof. C. C. Parry,
Davenport,
Iowa.

Rec'd C. C. P. March 17 1860.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17, 1881.

Dear Mr Brewster;

Do you know of any intelligent young man with good practical education who would like to go to Alaska in the service of the Signal Office; to make meteorological observations and also to prosecute researches into the ethnology and natural history of the country? I am invited to make nominations for two or three localities, offering the richest promise. One of these is Bristol Bay, a most interesting region, where birds and their eggs occur in countless profusion. Another is, at Behring Straits the neighborhood and original home of the Rhytina. All collections must come to the National Museum; but after the selection of a full series of these, the duplicates would be

returned to the collector and he would have the privilege of reporting upon everything he gets, and describing new species.

There is no time to be lost in acting upon this proposition, as it would be necessary for the candidate to spend some time at Fort Myer, near Washington, in training for his special work.

Yours truly,

Spencer F. Baird

U. S. Fish Commission
Feb. 17, 1881.

William Brewster, Esq.
Cambridge,
Mass.

The pay is about 50. a month

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The Smithsonian Institution,

has received from Wm. Brewster Cambridge, Mass.

For Capt. Chas Bendire U.S.A.

118 Specimens }
22 Species } of birds skins from Wash'n Ter.

a gift for which it returns a grateful acknowledgment.

S. F. Baird

Secretary Smithsonian Institution.

Smithsonian Institution,
Washington City, U. S. A., Sept 29 1892.

S. F. Baird

Sept. 29, 1882

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

Wood's Holl, Mass

WASHINGTON, ~~D. C.~~, ~~Sept. 21~~ 1881.

Dear Sir:

I am advised from Washington of the arrival there of 46 specimens of 23 species of birds presented by Capt. Bendire, through you, to the National Museum.

Yours truly,

S. F. Baird

Wm Brewster, Esq.

Cambridge.

Mass.

S. F. Baird

Sept. 31 - 1882

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D. C., May 14, 1883.

Dear Mr. Brewster:

I enclose a letter from W. Hayward, my friend from Oakley Sd. He is certainly very kind. By this time he doubtless has written you. Please return this letter when you have read it.

You have perhaps heard that poor Nelson had a hemorrhage on Friday last. He will at once go back to Colorado with Henshaw.

Yours truly,
W. Baird

Wm Brewster, Esq.,
Charleston, S. C.

Professor Baird

May 14, 1883

The Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution, in behalf of the United States National Museum, returns a grateful acknowledgment to Wm Brewster Esq. Cambridge, Massachusetts. for the gift of the objects mentioned below, which will be carefully labeled and installed in the Museum.

Spencer F Baird

Secretary.

Washington City, U. S. A. July 8, 1885

A collection of Bird skins, including 28 specimens and 12 species from Massachusetts, Maine and South Carolina.

(Acc. 15928)

Prof. Baird

July 8 - 1885

Acknowledgment of Illus
presented to Smt. Mus

Smithsonian Institution
Woods Hole, Mass.
Washington D. C. July 24, 1885.

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Dear Mr. Brewster;

I do not like to pay any such price as that which Wayne asks for his egg of Swainson's Warbler, but I suppose I shall have to do it, as being the only means of securing so rare a species. If you are absolutely certain that the specimen is genuine, please send it on to Mr. Ridgway, and the bill to me. Is this the only specimen, or were there

Prof Baird
July 24, 1885

more taken?

Yours truly,

W. W. Saunders

W. Brewster, Esq.,
Museum of Comparative Zoology,
Cambridge, Mass.

Smithsonian Institution

Woods Hole, Mass.,

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

~~Washington D. C.~~ July 30, 1885.

Dear Mr Brewster:

I have already arranged to take the Swainson Warbler, and if Mr Wayne is in a great hurry you had better ~~let me~~ advance the money, as it takes a good deal of time to settle such accounts. You can send the specimen to Mr Ridgway.

Yours truly,

S F Baird

Wm Brewster, Esq.,
Cambridge,
Mass.

S. H. Baird

July 30, 1885

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington D.C. Nov. 30, 1886.

Dear Mr Brewster:

I do not anticipate any difficulty in getting from the State Department a letter commending your collector to the American Consul at La Paz. Of course I must have his name before taking any action. Going into Mexico, it will be necessary for him to have an American passport. When he gets this, the Department can,

I think, be induced to make an endorse-ment of special com-mendation.

No doubt your new plan of keeping a couple of men in the field will result in the addition of many interesting and novel species.

Yours truly,
T. Davis

Wm Brewster, Esq.,
61 Sparks Street,
Cambridge,
Mass.

Rec'd Boston
Nov. 30-1886

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington D.C. Dec. 16, 1886.

Dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to forward herewith the desired letter of introduction and passport for Mr Abbott Frazar. Enclosed, also, is the passport which accompanied yours of December 8th.

Trusting that Mr Frazar may meet with the utmost success in his mission I remain,

Yours truly

S F Baird

Wm Brewster Esq.
61 Sparks St.,
Cambridge Mass.

Prof. Baird

Dec. 16 - 1886

In re passports to
for France

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington D.C. Janry 17, 1887.

Dear Mr Brewster:

I have great pleasure in sending you the enclosed documents, in the interest of Mr Calvin, and trust that they will be of much benefit to him.

In return for these passports, I think you ought to give us a series of the specimens, or at least of such as are new to the National

Museum. The action of the Secretary of State is based on the supposition that the expedition is made under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution.

Yours truly,

Spencer F. Baird

Wm Brewster, Esq;
Cambridge,
Mass.

Prof Baird
Jan. 17. 1887
In re Penikese.